

## **News Release**

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## Corps of Engineers announces changes in Hickory Creek Park and Reservation System at Lewisville Lake

FORT WORTH, Texas -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lewisville Lake announced today several important changes in the operation of Hickory Creek Park and the use of the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) system.

The Corps is entering into a Cooperative Lease Agreement with the Our Lands and Waters Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization, for the Cooperative Management of Hickory Creek Park. The Our Lands and Waters Foundation, a public partnership with the Corps, has the following missions:

- 1. Promote the advancement of the work of the Corps, including projects that reduce flood damage, as well as preserve and enhance the environment.
- 2. Provide educational and volunteer activities that support the work of the Corps.
- 3. Support through funding and marketing the recreational activities for the public, specifically those related to and enhanced by Corps lakes and facilities.
- 4. Create and implement programs to raise public awareness of the environmental needs of the communities in which the Corps operates.
- 5. Secure and provide funds to support all of the above purposes.

Under the lease agreement, the Our Lands and Waters Foundation will take over several aspects of operation of Hickory Creek Park, including the use of the existing NRRS reservation service. Hickory Creek Park is being phased out of the NRRS system, and will be placed on a new reservation system effective January 2009. All reservations currently in the NRRS system will be honored. For those campers wishing to stay at Hickory Creek Park in January, site availability will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Information on the new reservation system will be posted when available at the Hickory Creek Park gatehouse and on the Lewisville Lake website at <a href="http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lewisville/">http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lewisville/</a>.

Public comments and inquiries may be sent to the Lewisville Lake Office, 1801 N. Mill Street, Lewisville TX 75057, or by phone at (469) 645-9100.

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